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FACT SHEET

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THATCHER BROOK — GOWANDA, NEW YORK

Small Flood Control Projects

Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, As Amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- In the Village of Gowanda, Erie County, New York, approximately 29 miles south of the City of Buffalo, New York

Project Description

- The feasibility study formulated and evaluated measures to reduce the future impacts of flooding.
- The feasibility phase was 100 percent federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over \$100,000 were shared equally with the non-federal sponsor.
- Design and Implementation is cost shared 65 percent federal and 35 percent nonfederal.

Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of Thatcher Brook causes damages to residences and commercial businesses in Gowanda.
- Severe flooding in 1998 and 2006 led to requests for Section 205 assistance. Severe flooding in August 2009 resulted in a federal disaster declaration and reaffirmed the need for a flood damage reduction project.

Consequences

- Gowanda will continue to incur financial damages and threats to life and safety resulting from flood events.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Design	\$585k	\$100K	\$325k	-	TBD	TBD

(1) First \$100k is at 100 percent federal expense.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) through a letter dated October 31, 2012. It is expected that the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) will be a two-party agreement signed between the NYSDEC and Buffalo District.
- The village of Gowanda, New York, through a letter of intent dated May 6, 2010.

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Reed R NY-23
- Representative Chris Jacobs R NY-27
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

- Senator Charles Schumer D NY

Current Status

- The feasibility cost sharing agreement was executed in February 2014.
- The Project Team has developed alternatives and tentatively selected one in December 2017.
- Project Partnership Agreement package is being developed.

Issues

- Successfully finalizing the PPA language in the fall of 2021
- Developing project plans and specifications within the allotted budget and schedule.



Photos 1 & 2 (August 2009) Flooding impacts in the village of Gowanda, NY

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